

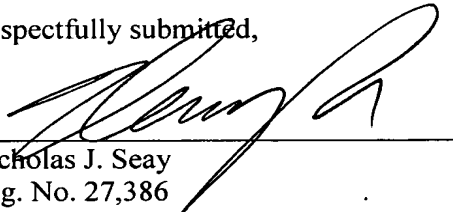
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants have received a requirement for restriction dated January 5, 2006 in the file of the above-identified action. The applicants reviewed the file and noted that this requirement for restriction seems to have been imposed without consideration of the Preliminary Amendment filed in connection with this continuation application.

After discussion this morning with the Examiner in charge of this application, Mr. Joseph Weitach, it was confirmed that the Preliminary Amendment was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and had simply not been entered in the file of the application. It is hereby requested that the Preliminary Amendment be entered and that further consideration of this application involve the newly presented Claims 16-25 rather than the Claims 1-15 as originally filed with the parent case.

It is believed that no response to requirement for restriction is required by this document for continued prosecution of this application to occur.

Respectfully submitted,



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